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SUBJ: MOVEMENT OF BOLIVIAN DESTINED CARGO THROUGH PORT OF
ARICA, CHILE

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED BY BOLIVIAN SUB-SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION THAT BOLIVIAN CUSTOMS BEGAN IMPLEMENTING AUGUST 1, 1975, ON A THREE-MONTH BASIS, RECOMMENDATIONS OF A UN STUDY ON MEANS OF FACILITATING TRANSIT OF BOLIVIAN CARGO THROUGH THE CHILEAN PORT OF ARICA TO LA PAZ.

2. FACILITATION REPORTEDLY INVOLVES BOLIVIAN CUSTOMS RECEIVING GOODS IMMEDIATELY FROM VESSELS AND TRANSPORTING DIRECTLY TO LA PAZ, BY-PASSING CHILEAN CUSTOMS. BOLIVIAN CUSTOMS RECEIVES GOODS AT ARICA BASED ON SHIP'S MANIFEST AND PASSING OF GOODS TO CONSIGNEE AT LA PAZ BASED ON ORIGINAL BILL OF LADING. A REPRESENTATIVE OF US SHIPPING COMPANY (PRUDENTIAL SHIPPING LINE) HAS CONFIRMED THAT NEW PROCEDURES IN EFFECT.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT NEW PROCEDURES WILL BE REVIEWED AT END THREE-MONTH PERIOD AND IF ACCEPTED MIGHT BE EXTENDED TO OTHER PORTS SERVING BOLIVIA.

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4. EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN UN STUDY, WHICH TITLED:

E/CEPAL/L 116, JANUARY 1975, : "ESTUDIO DE FACILITACION DEL
TRANSITO DE MERCADENCIAS CON DESTINO A BOLIVIA ATRAVES DEL PUERTO
DE ARICA."

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF DEPARTMENT COULD OBTAIN COPY OF
STUDY FROM UN AND FORWARD TO EMBASSY.

B. EMBASSY BELIEVES INFORMATION ON NEW PROCEDURES SHOULD BE OF
INTEREST TO US SHIPPING LINES AND REQUESTS THIS INFORMATION BE
DISSEMINATED TO THEM.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF UN STUDY EMBASSY INTENDS TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER
SITUATION OF TRANSIT BOLIVIAN DESTINED GOODS THROUGH CHILEAN
PORTS. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS THE JAMUP OF CARGO IN ARICA HAS
WORSENERD IN RECENT MONTHS. BUT THIS MAY IN PART BE RELATED TO
SHORTAGE OF BOLIVIAN RAILROAD CARS AND TRUCKS RATHER THAN TO
PORT PROBLEMS PER SE.

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